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SENATORSHIP WRANGLE.

Commenting upon the wrangle in

the Missouri legislature over the

choosing of a successor to Senator

When it was announced a few days

ago that a test vote of both houses of

a majority on joint ballot for United

States senator was assured for Nied

and that his election was only a mat-

ter of form, it was taken for granted

that the business was settled, and his

It turns out, however, that there are

epublicans who cannot stomach the

charges of political corruption which

have been made against Mr. Niedring-

haus, and although he was whitewash-

ed by a committee of the legislature

when it was attempted to force his

The prospect now is that somebody

else will be chosen, and if the vote

settles on a man above all reproach

and free from the political scandals

that have so terribly tainted Missouri

politics for some years past, it will

show that the Missourians are de-

termined to have a change for the

The last ballot, taken yesterday,

better, and it will be greatly to their

for Niedringhaus. There is still a

Paul Cook in the Birmingham Age

Chicago is to have a union church

made from basement to spire. There

will be a union pastor, a union sexton.

All the hymn books and Bibles will

sively to union services and make the

The Kansas legislature recently ad-

journed and assembled in the house

educator, who entered the hall arm

builder's art is the use of golden door

THE TARIFF AND THE

(Jacksonville Times-Union.)

In the past the Union League Club

stone. For the club, after a dozen

ed Secretary of the Treasury in a!

UNION LEAGUE CLUB.

Herald, says:

are known to favor the new adminis- a union organist, a union choir and a

tration and those who will oppose it, union Sunday school superintendent.

election, it could not be done on ac-

themselves to support him.

election was assured.

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POLITICAL GOSSIP AT THE STATE CAPITAL.

The following bunch of interesting political gossip from the state capital recently appeared in the columns of the Madison Recorder, having been

sent in by a Tallahassee correspondent of that paper:

The legislature meets in April, and as the time approaches, interest gathers in the contests for president of the senate and speaker of the house. Already there are two candidates entered for the presidency of the senate. They are Hon. Park Trammell, of Lakeland, senator from Polk county, and Hon. Thomas F. West, of Milton, senator from Santa Rosa county. One from the southern and one from the western part of the state. They are both young men, each being 29 years of age, and are both lawyers by profession. They have each served a term in the lower house of the legislature, having been members of the session of 1903, acquitting themselves quite creditably. Neither Trammell nor West has ever strongly aligned himself with either of the political factions of the state but it is pretty well understood that both are rather inclined to the "conservatives." From that fact it is difficult at this time to say what strength each will draw to himself should both remain in the race. In the meanwhile, there are dark horses spoken of, that may yet enter the race and change the appearance of things, in which case it is a good guess to say that one of the shows that Senator Cockrell is in the above named gentlemen will disappear lead, he having 81 votes against 80 candidate and the other will receive theunited support of his faction. Louis C. Massey, of Orlando, senator possibility that this sterling old demofrom Orange county, one of the most crat will be selected and such action learned lawyers of the state, is being on the part of the legislature would urged by friends to enter the race, go a long way toward making the and if he does, he will more than probably have the backing of the new public in general believe that Missouri administration. This will insure him politicians are not all corrupt. the solid support of the "straightouts" or progressive democrats and with this strength, together with the strength that would naturally go to a man of such known ability, Mr. Massey would prove a formidable candi-

date. It is acknowledged that the di-

vision between the state senators who

There are three announced candi- bear the union label and every piece dates in the race for speaker of the cf furniture in the house will be union lower house. They are J. W. Watson, of Osceola; J. D. Pirrong, of Calhoun, and A. W. Gilchrist, of DeSoto county. J. W. Watson has represented Osceola county in the lower house for a number of years, and he was speaker of all who attend, the job will be comthe house in the legislature of 1901. pleted properly. He is a man of some ability. General Gilchrist gets his military title from the fact that he was at one time a brigadier general of the state militia. He has represented DeSoto county in of representatives to hear an address the legislature at a number of ses- by Booker T. Washington, the negro sions, and strange to say, for a man that does a great deal of talking on the floor, he has considerable influence among his colleagues of the house, known whether or not President He is very witty and frequently brings Roosevelt sent his congratulations to down the house with some character- the governor. istic remark. J. D. Pirrong appeared in the legislature last as a state senator from his district. In that capacity he served four years Mr. Pirrong was a member of the legislature of knobs. It is not believed, however, 1891, and took a prominent part in that they will come into general use the contest that resulted in the reelection of Senator Wilkinson Call. The friends of Mr. Pirrong are using as a strong argument, the fact that 蒙蒙蒙蒙蒙蒙蒙蒙蒙蒙蒙蒙蒙蒙蒙蒙蒙蒙蒙蒙蒙蒙蒙蒙蒙蒙 no West Florida citizen has been honored with the speakership in over twenty years. They contend that they have an excellent candidate this time. 12 and they think in justice that West % Florida should have the honor this % opposed Governor-elect Broward for the nomination last summer and it is expected that this will militate against of New York has been known to feel them. For while they will look for it was the Republican party and i their support among the "conserva- has often suited the purpose of Retive" element and thus divide their publican leaders to accept such asforces, Pirrong will have the backing sumption as both law and political of "straight-outs." If the administra- gospel. But this is a day of divorces tion throws its strength to Pirrong, and it has come to pass in the fulland it is difficult to see how this is to ness of time that a separation be be prevented, considering the politics tween these parties is imminent; per

that Reed Smoot will retain his seat that we must "consider" the tariff eral experience that competition be the spread of unsound Socialistic long-winded investigations into his ed and as the club didn't think to any without regard to the limits permitted character and into Mormonism. There remarkable extent-also the club re. by the tariff tax upon competing for haps if the club had consented to is talk of sending a sub-committee to fuses to take the statistical and learn- eign products; Utah to make further investigations, Pickwickian sense. but the whole thing is expected to die a natural death.

ernor Vardaman refuses to be com- feeds that it has climbed so high-to- has been largely or entirely elimithe rest of us in "considering?" Does forted. He has given out another interview on President Roosevelt, sug- protective tariff is one of the princigested by the printed impressions of ples of the Republican party; Judge Thomas G. Jones.

### How Suffering Benefits Humanity

HALL CAINE. Author of 'The Christian." "The Prodigal



HE system of future rewards and punishments which came with the sublime theory of another AND IMMORTAL life must have been the grandest and most precious gift which had been offered to suffering man. The grand conception of ANOTHER WORLD that was to right the wrongs OF THIS ONE helped mankind to bear the heavy load of All this, no doubt common to every faith which accepted the

theory of the immortality of the soul, was lifted to a still grander alti- of water would not be detected, and tude in the gospel of Christ. The Founder of Christianity went further than Brahmanism, Buddhism and Confucianism. He not only told mankind to be indifferent to suffering and temporal loss, BUT TO GLORY IN IT, to count it as gain and as the firmest assurance of blessedness in the life to come. He seems to tell man not only that he must suffer because he sins, but that he will sin IF HE DOES NOT SUFFER. Francis M. Cockrell, the Picayune

But what is the solution of the problem of suffering for all earnest and believing souls? TO WHAT PURPOSE are we sent into the St. Louis legislature showed that the world to endure its evil and wrong? The only answer I can see ringhaus, the republican candidate, to these questions, which have been the subject of eternal dispute, is that suffering is good for us, that it is good for the world that pain and sorrow should exist in it and that God uses sin and suffering to his own great ends. TAKE SUFFERING OUT OF THE WORLD and what is left of the great human virtues? What of heroism, courage, patience and self sacrifice? Is it not a fact that without suffering none of these virtues would be called into being? When, therefore, we ask ourselves why man suffers, always has suffered and will always suffer, is it not sufficient to say that IT IS IN ORDER count of the refusal of republicans THAT HE MAY ATTAIN TO THE HIGHEST?

> The pilgrimage of man on this earth may be said to resemble in its multitude of troubles the struggle of a swimmer against a powerful tide. It is natural that the swimmer should ask himself why the tide is against him, but when he reaches the place of safety he knows that the struggle for life has developed his muscle, his brain and ALL THE FINEST FACULTIES of his body. Then may it not be that the fight of man against the suffering of this life is meant to develop the muscles of his soul?

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Therefore, if in a last word I am asked the question, "Do we get our deserts?" I will boldly answer, "No, we don't, AND WE NEVER SHALL, speaking of humanity as a whole and taking account of the preponderating multitudes to whom life is only another word for misery."

BUT IF I AM ASKED, "DO WE GET WHAT IS BEST FOR US?" I SAY, "YES, ALWAYS AND EVERYWHERE, TAKING OUR LIVES THROUGH AND THROUGH AND HAVING ACCOUNT NOT MERELY worthy of its name. It -ill be union FOR OUR MATERIAL, BUT ALSO FOR OUR SPIRITUAL, WELFARE."

#### The Present Outlook In China

By Dr. W. E. MACKLIN of Nankin, China

THINK the Chinese nation has a great future. The If they devote the structure exclu-Chinese are a very laborious people and are hard workers. They are physically hardy, and scholars in this country wearing of union suits obligatory upon consider them SUPERIOR TO THE JAPANESE. The Chinese are not aggressive, and I do not think that there is very much to be feared from them.

I would like to see England and America open up China and develop the country. Japanese professors are being secured in the new universities, and I would rather see westerners AND WEST-ERN IDEAS implanted instead.

I DO NOT THINK THAT THERE WILL EVER BE A BOXER UP-RISING IN CHINA WHICH WILL ENDANGER THE FOREIGNERS IN The latest development of the THE COUNTRY TO ANY GREAT EXTENT.

> The Boxer trouble was caused by the calling down of the wrath of the gods and dead rulers upon the foreigners to drive them out of the country. The uprisings could have been stopped at any time by the government, BUT THE GOVERNMENT WAS BACK OF IT. It is not likely that the government will undertake another Boxer movement.

> The greatest opposition the government has to contend with at present is the collection of the indemnity on account of the Boxer troubles, and the officials collect a house tax of two or three times the amount of that supposed to be levied by the government AND POCKET THE SURPLUS. The government is rotten to the core.

> CHINESE SCHOLARS SAY THAT CHINA WILL EVENTUALLY BE A CHRISTIAN NATION, ALTHOUGH IT MAY TAKE CENTURIES TO ACCOMPLISH IT. HOWEVER, A GREAT MANY CHINESE ARE CHRISTIANS NOW.

of all three of the men, Pirrong will haps the unit will henceforth be twain now so strongly established that un- manufacturers are willing to accept be a hard man to defeat for the cover- and a trial for political heresy shake fair or harmful competition is no from foreign bnyers; the nation from turret to foundation longer to be apprehended;

It is now believed in Washington "whereases" reaches the conclusion has been levied it has been the gen- and dissatisfaction, and to render easy just as the wicked Democrats insist. tween domestic manufacturers has de- theories, so menacing the permanent ed on doing while the campaign last. termined the prices paid by consumers interests of the State;

Whereas, It is now asserted that of the whole country were doing so there are combinations which con- its conclusions might have had some Now, these are the "whereases" on trol either the whole, or nearly the meaning, but Mr. Shaw is entirely which the club bases its conclusion whole, of the output of certain classes within his rights when he takes this that we must consider the tariff how of goods, and that competition be belated attempt humorously. Is the The Mobile Register says that Gov- it has grown and on what meat it tween manufacturers of such goods club so mighty that it will not join

> Whereas-The maintainance of a Whereas, Such combinations, if to help it "consider?" Shall the the products prices limited only by the false prophet level the mountain Whereas, The Union League Club the cost of competing foreign goods with a word? Perish the supposi-

has always believed that a protective with the tariff added: Admiral Doubassoff has expressed the opinion that Russia may decide to leave Port Arthur in the hands of the enemy. Japan will no doubt he the enemy. Japan will no doubt he duly grateful if such decision is made.

Identification and a protective that a protective that a protective that a protective tariff added;

Whereas, Consumers may thus be itself and swallow Mr. Shaw's humor forced to pay for articles of necessity as it may. Meantime, Mark Twain prices not only largely in excess of should tremble for his laurels and those which can be obtained under Josh Billings will turn over in his conditions of open competition, but grave—there's another Richmond in prices greatly higher than domestic the field.

Whereas, Since a protective tariff if they exist, tend to create unrest

"consider the tariff" while the people it suppose that we will now quit work tion; let the club now "consider" for

THE QUESTION OF COTTON ACREAGE.

(New Orleans States.)

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Having in mind the results of some past efforts to secure a reduction of the cotton acreage in the South, the Montgomery Advertiser points a moral and adorns a tale in the following

"Once upon a time, as the story goes, the king did something which pleased the owners and keepers of the inevards round about in his kingdom. Word went out among them that on a certain day were to assenble, each bringing with him a cupful of the best wine from his best vintage and deposit it in a cask to be presented to their sovereign as a token of their esteem and incidentally to tickle his palate. One husbandman thought that in a whole cask of wine one cup so he put water in for his portion, keeping his good old wine. The cask being filled was duly sealed, and with much ceremony delivered to the king When it was opened it was discovered that the cask contained nothing but water. Every contributor shrewdly, as he thought, come to the same conclusion, that just one cup of water would not be detected. Then the king went out and had all of their heads chopped off!

"This story comes to mind in view of the proposition to cut down the cot on crop. It is feared that when the impression gets pretty well soaked in that the farmers are really going to curtail the crop there will be a widespread temptation to doge back and plant just a "leetle" more cotton. The moral of the story is obvious. King Cotton will chop some heads off if they make that mistake."

It is quite certain, as the Adveriser says, that in the event the farmers attempt to "play it fine" on each other the result will be another bumper crop and low prices next year which will cause all of them to suffer. But seems to us that the proposition to get better prices for cotton by reducing the acreage should appeal irresistibly to the good sense of the farmers, and that no serious difficulty should be encountered in carrying out the plan in all fairness and honesty. This can be done through the organization of the farmers in every county in the entire cotton belt and agreement as to the acreage to be planted by them, to be followd by the appointment of officials of the organization, whose business it will be to see that none of the parties to the agreement violate it. Through organization by counties each farmer will know exactly how many acres his neighbors have planted in cotton, and t will be impossible for any one of them to plant more acres than were agreed upon without the fact being known to the others. The average man is naturally honest and will not violate a compact with his friends and neighbors in which his word and honor are involved more especial when he knows that concealment of his bad faith is impossible. At any rate, the reduction of cotton acreage is be youd a doubt the most practical way to secure reasonable prices for the crop produced, and it is to the interest of the farmers of the South to organize for that purpose and act ogether. Their recent experience certainly points the wisdom of such

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